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C O N F I D E N T I A L HELSINKI 0997

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KEKKONEN VISIT TO THE USSR

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: PRESS TODAY CARRIES FULL INFO RE PRES URHO
KEKKONEN OFFICIAL VISIT TO USSR MAY 17-24. HE WILL BE
ACCOMPANIED BY 27 PERSONS. PRES AND PARTY LEAVE FOR
MOSCOW BY PLANE AT 0950 MAY 17 AND HAVE TALKS WITH HOSTS
IN AFTERNOON. PROGRAM OF THE DAY ENDS WITH A DINNER
OFFERED BY THE HOSTS IN THE KREMLIN. ON WED, MAY 18
KEKKONEN PLACES WREATH AT LENIN'S MAUSOLEUM AND AT GRAVE
OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER, CONTINUES OFFICIAL TALKS AND OFFERS
LUNCH IN HONOR OF HOSTS AT FINNISH EMBASSY. AFTER LUNCH,
KEKKONEN MEETS CHIEFS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS IN MOSCOW AND
WATCHES BALLET IN BOLSHOI THEATER IN EVENING. KEKKONEN
LEAVES ON THURSDAY FOR FRUNZE, CAPITAL OF KIRGHIZIAN
SSR, AND SPENDS WEEKEND RESTING AND FISHING AT LAKE
ISSY-KUL. KEKKONE FLIES SUNDAY TO MINSK IN
BYELORUSSIAN SSR AND FROM THERE ON MONDAY, MAY 23
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TO LENINGRAD. HE RETURNS TO HELSINKI ON TUESDAY
EVENING BY TRAIN. KEKKONEN WILL RESIDE IN KREMLIN
DURING HIS STAY IN MOSCOW.

2. ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT ARE: NEW 30-YEAR-OLD FOREIGN
MINISTER PAAVO VAYRYNEN, SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT VEIKKO
HELLE, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. JAAKKO HALLAMA, FORMER

FONMIN OLAVI J. MATTILA, MAYOR OF HELSINKI TEUVO AURA.
GOVERNOR OF NORTH KARELIA PROVINCE ESA TIMONEN, GOV
OF KYMI PROVINCE ERKKI HUURTAMO, MFA UNDER-SECRETARY
OF STATE ARVO RYTKONEN, MFA UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
JAAKKO ILONIEMI, FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN AARNE
SAARINEN, PROFESSOR AND HUFVUDSTADSBLADET DIRECTOR
JAN-MAGNUS JANSSON, CHIEF OF PRESIDENT'S OFFICE JUHANI
PERTTUNEN, AND VARIOUS OTHER MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC
AIDES. END UNCLASS.
BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL:

3. PRESIDENT'S TRIP BEGINS ONLY TWO DAYS AFTER
INSTALLATION OF NEW FIVE-PARTY GOVERNMENT WHICH INCLUDES
THREE COMMUNIST MINISTERS (SEPTELS). KEKKONEN DESIRE
HAVE MAJORITY GOVT IN PLACE PRIOR TO TRIP WIDELY
CONSIDERED HERE BE CRITICAL FACTOR IN FORMATION OF
GOVT. QUESTIONS POSED REF B CONCERNING SOVIET
ATTITUDE (1) TOWARD PARTICIPATION OF MODERATE
COMMUNIST MAJORITY GROUP IN GOVT (OVER OPPOSITION
OF MOSCOW-LINING ORTHODOX COMMUNIST MINORITY) AND
(2) TOWARD OUTGOING FONMIN KEIJO KORHONEN OF GREAT
INTEREST TO EMBASSY. ANY HINTS ABOUT SOVIET ATTITUDES
CONCERNING THESE QUESTIONS WHICH MIGHT COME TO
LIGHT DURING KEKKONEN USSR VISIT WOULD BE WELCOME.

4. SINCE REF A SUBMITTED, IT HAS BECOME KNOWN THAT
KEKKONEN'S DISCUSSION AND FINAL COMMUNIQUE ARE
EXPECTED TO COVER FULL RANGE OF POLITICAL AS WELL
AS ECONOMIC QUESTIONS.
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